Pilferage at Bombay Port Trust

1871. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleaed to state:

(a) Whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news reports that the menace of pilferage at the Bombay Port Trust has assumed alarming proportions putting the business trade to huge losses and embarrassment; and

(b) if so, what remedial action Government have initiated in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) A news report on the subject has come to the notice of the Government Cases of thefts in Bombay Port Trust have however shown a declining trend in the last four years as a result of certain preventive and deterrent measures taken by the port.

(b) Some of the measures taken by Bombay Port Trust are:—

(i) Introduction of a system of surprise checks.

(ii) Fixation of accountability of individuals.

(iii) Setting up of an intelligence wing.

(iv) Use of metal detectors.

(v) Recognition of good work by rewarding the security personnel.

(vi) Good liaison amongst police, Customs and Security.

(vii) Intensification of patrolling by security and police.

It is hoped that these steps will bring down the menace of pilferage at the Bombay Port Trust. These measures are under constant review of the Bombay Port Trust and effective steps will be taken pursuant to this.

Settlement of Insurance claims in the case of old Vehicles

1872. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

What is the procedure in respect of settling Insurance claims in the case of vehicles of over 20 years old, in view of the scrapping of the road tax in their case?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTERY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN): The vehicle, including the one which is not liable to pay further tax under one-time tax scheme, is required to have a valid insurance policy all the time as per provisions of Section 146 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988. The procedure with regard to compensation claims is detailed in Chapter XII of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988.

National Integration Council

1873. SHRI P. N. SUKUL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIS be pleaed to refer to the answer to Starred Question 32 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 14th March, 1990 and state:

(a) what is the composition of the National Integration Council; and

(b) whether Government propose to place the question of curbing communalisim before the Council for devising suitable me sures on the subject?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMED SAYEED): (a) A list of members of reconstituted